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RECORDS DISPOSITION BRANCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS
January - December 1958



Shelf Filing

OCR/Acquisitions Branch

Developed floor plan to provide for the installation of book shelving with a filing capacity of 1400 linear feet. Additional space was required for the expanding book collection.

OCR/IR

a. IR Mock-Up

Assisted the Building Planning Staff and IR in selecting, procuring and installing filing equipment in the test area. Safe cabinets with a replacement value of \$94,240 were returned to the supply system and replaced by new filing equipment costing \$15,000. This provided a 50% savings in floor space utilized by equipment with a 20% increase in filing space.

b. Branch 4

Completed a filing system with \$51,000 worth of equipment in process of being returned to stock and being replaced by new equipment costing \$10,000. A 48% saving in floor space was realized.

OO/Contacts Division/



Plans and equipment specifications were forwarded to the [redacted] If accepted, 27 pieces of safe type filing equipment will be released and available filing space expanded by 29%.

OP/Records and Services

Prepared staff study for DD for Planning and Development recommending open shelf files for official personnel and applicant folders. Conversion released equipment valued at \$15,000 gaining a 25% increase in space.

ORR/Map Library

Plans approved for shelf filing and equipment approved. Shelving will replace filing cabinets valued at \$12,000. Cost of new equipment is \$4,800.



This report on shelf filing covers July - Dec 1958 only

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Medical Staff

Completed installation of shelf filing replacing 47
5 drawer filing cabinets valued at \$3,750.

Comptroller/Finance

Installation of shelving on a trial basis for 300 linear
feet of vouchers is proving very satisfactory.

In addition to the above, seven other shelf filing projects
are in various stages of completion and will eventually release
241 pieces of filing equipment valued at \$34,364.

Equipment

25X1

Office of Communications ☐

What cost
Recommended the use of a single-wheel Rotary File to be used
for the storage and services of stock inventory cards.
Cost \$25. Would replace 4/6 48 worth of equip.

Office of Communications/Engineering Division

Recommended use of Roto-Rotary File to house and service
between 150,000 and 170,000 3 x 5 index cards. Equipment has
been purchased and being installed. All cards are now controlled
by one clerk, floor space for filing equipment reduced by 40%,
a floor loading problem was eliminated and a decrease in filing and
finding time is expected.
Cost \$200. Replaced equip. valued at \$1500

OL/Passenger Movement Branch

Exp. Dicks
Wasted space in a supply cabinet was put to good use by
inserting sorting racks on the shelves. Forms used by the office
were sorted and placed in racks. The lower half of the cabinet is
used for bulk storage. This provided storage for unclassified forms
previously stored in safes.

OP/Contact Personnel Division

Recommended the conversion from Kardex Safes to Rol-Dex card
filing equipment. Proposal was accepted, and if installed, will
release \$3,100 in safe type filing equipment. *Cost of New Equip. \$585*

FE/Executive Registry

In collaboration with the Office of Security, prevented the
expenditure of approximately \$5,000. This expenditure would have
been necessary to provide a protection system and the purchase of
Rotary filing equipment for 15,000 name index cards. The office
agreed to our proposal to cancel their request and accept Rol-Dex
equipment at a cost of \$600.00

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Office accepted our recommendations for the installation of two rotary files thereby releasing \$4,000 worth of card filing equipment and an estimated 25% savings in finding and filing time will be realized. *Over \$5,000*

Returned a purchase order for 64 - 5 drawer cabinets to OL with recommendation that it be cancelled. Resulted in a savings of \$5,000.

File Space Planning

OGC

New Bldg } Completed floor plans for the Law Library in the New Agency Building. They are for a conference area, filing area and desk space for the Librarian. We also concurred in a request for a small vault room adjacent to the Library.

Records Disposal

a. Received for the second year in succession reports from Operating Offices reflecting the volume of records destroyed in offices areas. The amount reported was 10,636 cubic feet of records, double the volume reported in the first year. These records, if retained in 4 drawer safes, would have required 1,329 additional pieces of filing equipment costing \$578,812.

Records Schedules Audited and Revised:

DDS	25 items	57 cu. ft.
OO/C	107 items	1,530 cu. ft.
OTR	325 items	5,020 cu. ft.
LEGIS. COUNSEL	8 items	46 cu. ft.
PERSONNEL	602 items	2,990 cu. ft.
AUDIT	11 items	60 cu. ft.
MEDICAL (In Process)	81 items	670 cu. ft.
Total	1,159 items	10,373 cu. ft.

Records Schedules Reviewed:

OSI	33 items	2,706 cu. ft.
OCR (In process)	493 items	32,592 cu. ft.
Total	526 items	35,298 cu. ft.

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Records Center

a. With the assistance of Records Control Schedules accomplished the transfer of 11,343 cu. ft. of records and intelligence materials from Headquarters space and equipment to the Center. Application of the schedules at the Center resulted in the destruction of 7,513 cu. ft. of records.

b. The total Records Center receipts of 11,343 cu. ft. of records was equivalent to 1,417 four drawer safe cabinets which would have cost \$806,876 and required 11,343 sq. ft. of floor space.

c. Reference services to Headquarters totaled 16,464 requests for information and records items.

d. The addition to the Records Center was completed increasing total records capacity to 100,000 cu. ft.

Subject File Systems Installed:

ORR	18
OSI	5
PERSONNEL	8
GEN COUNSELL	
Total	32

Vital Materials

a. Changes in Repository coding and control procedures were made for several series of deposits (NIS, Cables, FDD Summaries, JANIS, Library Microfilm, etc.) These changes resulted in the adoption of easy manual recording on predesigned forms and the discontinuance of tab card punching operations, thus saving card punch time and tab machine paper.

b. Survey was conducted to review the present Finished Intelligence Collection to determine which publications were vital and how long they should be retained. Prior to the survey, Finished Intelligence composed of 240 series were contained in 36 cabinets. It was determined that 27 series were no longer needed. In 104 of the remaining 213 series, retention periods ranging from 3 months to 3 years were established. This action for one item alone resulted in the destruction of 1,600,000 cards and the withdrawal of 3,884 reels of microfilm.

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c. Brought the OCR/Graphics Ground and Personality Photo-file to current status by re-filming all photos in the collection; making a 70 mm duplicate negative for each photo entering GR files from July 1, 1950 on; and a duplicate tab run filed by subject within area will be forwarded to the depository.

d. Revised Vital Materials Schedules in six offices and prepared a schedule for OCR.

e. Air conditioning was provided for all area in the vault.

f. There were 495 visitors during the year and 165 during Operation Alert.

g. Six microfilm readers were added, bringing the total to eleven.

h. Added 13 sections of map cabinets providing for a 20% increase in filing space.

i. 1283 cu. ft. of Vital Material deposited and 630 withdrawn. 1846 microfilm reels deposited and 4,354 withdrawn.

Miscellaneous Activity

a. Arranged for the receipt and storage of 10,000 lbs. of OCI overseas records (PB Jointly) at the Records Center.

b. Advised and assisted in a file clean-up Campaign in OCR that resulted in the destruction of 573 cu. ft. of material at Headquarters, the retirement of 1,288 cu. ft. and the destruction of 993 cu. ft. at the Records Center. Seventy-four pieces of filing equipment were turned in.

c. Provided the Office of Security with systems, procedures, equipment, forms and office layouts for the processing, badging and photographing construction personnel at the New Building Site.

d. Designed a corrugated fiberboard box for 5 x 8 cards gaining approximately 30% storage capacity for this type of record.

e. Arranged for the permanent withdrawal of 153 memobelts for the National Archives and Records Service. The belts are to be used by FBID in their current operations.

f. Received for the first time an inventory report of filing equipment from the Operating Offices.

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